

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 10 and cancel claims 3, 8, 9 and 11 - 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An annular member for a braking device utilizing a multiple disk brake, the annular member comprising: a first portion, a second portion and a third portion, forming a part of a brake housing of the braking device; the first portion extending radially outside the third portion and joined thereto by the [a] second portion forming a pressure surface having an orthogonal relationship to the first portion and the third portion, the first portion having an internal surface providing attachment for the disks in the multiple disk brake, the braking device; and a the third portion having an inner surface provided with teeth and forming a ring gear configured to form part of a planetary gear transmission, the third portion further having an outer surface having at least one race formed therein for alignment with at least an opposing race in an inner face of an annular part overlapping at least a portion of the outer surface to provide a bearing unit comprising the outer surface and the annular part to retain balls between the at least one race and the at least an opposing race, wherein the first portion is adapted for fixed attachment to an axle case, the third portion adapted for secure connection to a hub from which the annular part extends to overlap the outer surface, the annular member providing a unitary assembly for directly connecting the hub to the axle case.

2. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion has a ring shape.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 2, wherein the second portion projects inward in the radial direction from the first portion.

5. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion comprises guide surfaces for guidance in the axial direction of at least one first brake disk when the braking device is activated.

6. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 5, wherein the guide surfaces consist of a number of parallel ridges which extend at least partially in the axial direction.

7. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion and the third portion are arranged at different distances in the radial direction of the annular member.

8. (Cancelled) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion is arranged at a greater distance in the radial direction of the annular member than the third portion.

9. (Cancelled) The annular member as recited in claim 7, wherein the second portion forms a part located between the first and third portions of the annular member.

10. (Currently Amended) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the second portion ~~is arranged in such a way that said~~ has a pressure surface ~~is formed~~ at one end of the ring gear in the axial direction of the annular member.

11. - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Withdrawn) An arrangement for driving a wheel of a vehicle, said arrangement comprising: a planetary gear transmission for transmitting power from a driving axle to a wheel hub configured for a wheel to be arranged thereupon; an annular member for a braking device utilizing a multiple disk brake, said annular member comprising: a first portion forming a part of a brake housing of the braking device; a second portion forming a pressure surface for the disks in the braking device; and a third portion provided with teeth and forming a ring gear configured to form part of a planetary gear transmission.

15. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 14, wherein the planetary gear transmission comprises: a sun gear connected to the driving axle, a planet carrier on which at least one planet gear is arranged, which planet gear is also arranged in engagement with the sun gear; and a ring gear arranged around, and also in engagement with said planet gear.

16. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 15, wherein the braking device and the hub are arranged on the planet carrier on different sides of the planet gear.

17. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 14, wherein the hub is mounted against the annular member.

18. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 17, wherein the bearing arrangement between the hub and the annular member comprises at least one row of balls arranged along a circular track and also between races designed in the hub and the annular member.

19. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 18, wherein the bearing arrangement between the hub and the ring gear comprises two rows of balls, the rows being arranged at a mutual spacing in the axial direction of the driving axle.

20. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 15, wherein the hub is connected firmly to the planet carrier.
21. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 14, wherein the braking device is adapted to brake the planet carrier relative to the first portion of the annular member.
22. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 14, wherein the braking device is adapted to brake the driving axle relative to the first portion of the annular member.
23. (Withdrawn) The arrangement as recited in claim 14, wherein the annular member is connected firmly to an axle case.